**CITY OF REVERE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

**5:00 pm Eastern Time**

**Location: City Council Chambers or via Zoom**

**Monthly Meeting – November 7th, 2024**

**WARNING:** Disclaimer, this meeting includes discussions that have mentions of Rape, Sexual Assault, Homophobia, and Racism. If at any moment you feel uncomfortable, please take a moment to take care of yourself and seek out a safe space. Do not feel like you need to read the minutes or watch the meeting recording, your health and wellness come first above all else.

**1) Call Meeting to Order**

Chairperson Hossaini calls meeting to order

**2) Roll Call of Commissioners**

- Chairperson Chaimaa

- Vice Chair Herb Baptiste

-Commissioner Kourou Pich

- Dr. Lorenco Garcia

- Commissioner Somaya Laroussi

- Attorney Molly McGee

- Special Guest Nour Ashour (fellow RHS student)

**3) Land Acknowledgment**

Chairperson Hossaini mentions that the city of Revere is on native land, that of the Pawtucket and that the commission invites any Native Americans or Indigenous Peoples who live in the city of Revere to join in any future meetings.

**4) Commission reads mission statement**

The Mission of the Revere Human Rights Commission is to promote human and civil rights and empower all people of Revere by ensuring that everyone, especially the most vulnerable and marginalized, have equitable opportunities, equal access, and are treated with dignity, respect, fairness, and justice.

**5) Approval of Minutes from the October 3rd Monthly Meeting**

**Commissioner Pich motions to approve the minutes, Vice Chair Baptiste seconds. All are in favor.**

**5) Monthly acknowledgements**

**-** November 1st: start of National Native American and Alaskan Heritage Month

- November 1st : Day of the Dead or Dia de Las Muertes

- November 9th : World Freedom Day

- November 11th: Veterans Day

- November 13th: World Kindness Day

- November 16th: International Day for Tolerance

- November 17th: International Students' Day

- November 20th: Transgender Day of Remembrance

- November 28th: Thanksgiving

- November 29th: Black Friday (and Native American Heritage Day)

**6) Reflections from trip to Plymouth**

A documentary of the trip to Plymouth was broadcast during our meeting, please go to this [link](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Muey5Fvaat8&list=PLlYqBh7a_8bygF0VAbwGnzHZkZlICLRXb) to see the documentary shown to the commissioners.

Credit was given to producer John Lynds and Dr. Lorenco Garcia for the overall production of the documentary.

**- Circle led by StrongOak and others**

Along with audience members, Mr. Ed Terrell and Mr. Ashour

**Topics that were discussed (in no order):**

* The recent election
  + What it means for the USA
  + What it means for Revere
  + What it means for the commission
  + Possible changes that may come in the way of the commission
  + Past experiences:
    - Stories of H\*moph\*bia, S\*\*\*\*\* \*ssault, and R\*cism
      * Those from the past and the potentiation of them occurring in the future with potential policy changes
  + Project 2025
* **The experience in Plymouth**
  + **How the commission was greeted**
  + **How small the Indigenous display section was compared to the rest of the museum**
  + **The commissioners time in Tidmarsh**
    - If there was more time, there was more to see
* Appreciation to Strong Oak
* Appreciation to Mr. Ashour for his attendance
* The state of the country
* The state of the world
* Call to challenge the large figures that work for the city

**7) Open Forum**

**Commissioners**

**General Public**

* Mr. Ed Terrell brought forth to the commission a list of issues that have had occurred recently in the city:
  + Issue #1: On October 16th, Paint sprayed racial slur on the fence near Walgreens on Broadway
  + Issue #2: Potential Anti-Sematic statement put out by the Superintendent of RPS
  + Issue #3: Concerns regarding how “white” the school building committee is despite how minority-majority the school population is
  + Issue #4: November 3rd on Haskell Avenue, one neighbor made racial statements
  + Issue #5: September 30th, 2024 - Vandalism and words were written spraypainted on the property that were apparently racist

**10) Adjournment**

Commissioner Laroussi motions to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Pich seconds, all are in favor. Meet is then adjourned